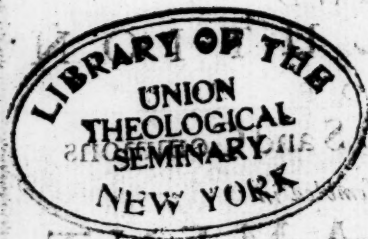


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DECLARATION  
AND  
RESOLUTION  
OF  
The LORDS and Commons  
*Assembled in*  
PARLIAMENT,  
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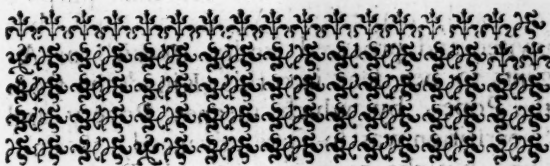
*His Majesties late Proclamation for the suppressing of  
the present Rebellion, under the command of RO-  
BERT Earle of Essex; And the gracious offer of  
His Majesties free Pardon to him, and all such of his  
Adherents as shall within six dayes after the date  
thereof lay down their Armes.*

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That  
this Declaration be forthwith Printed and published.  
*Hen. Elsinge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.*

*August. 15.*  
*London, Printed for Edward Blackmore, and are to be sold  
at his Shop, at the Signe of the Angell in Pauls  
Church-yard. 1642.*



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He Lords and Commons  
having received in a Letter  
from His Majesty, a  
printed Paper, intituled,  
*A Proclamation for the  
suppressing of the present  
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mand of ROBERT*

*Earle of Essex; And the gracious offer of His  
Majesties free pardon to him and all such of his  
adherents as shall within six dayes after the Date  
thereof lay downe their Armes, Doe declare  
and publish, That the matter of this libellous  
and scandalous Paper is the venom of those  
Trayterous Counsellors about his Majestie,  
long since discovered, and so often complain-  
ed of by both Houses of Parliament: Who  
having for many yeeres together carryed a  
wicked designe to alter Religion, and to in-  
troduce Popery, Superstition, and Ignorance  
(the ready way to an Arbitrary and Tyran-*

nicall Government) And for that purpose not onely maintained Agents at *Rome*, but invited and procured sundry *Nuncios* or Agents to bee sent into this Kingdome from the Pope; by which meanes Popery and Superstition was so farre advanced, that nothing but the convening of this Parliament (occasioned by the comming of the *Scots*) could in all humane reason have prevented them in their designe, the onely true reason why these mischievous counsellors maligning that power which opposes it selfe against their destructive and horrid counsell, have now at last, as the Master-piece of all their Machinations, advised His Majestie, in effect, to proclaime at once His House of Peers, the hereditary Councillors of the Kingdome, and His House of Commons, the representative Body of the whole Commons of the Kingdome, to be all Rebels and Traytors; And by that Paper have endeavoured so farre to blinde the eyes of the people, as to make them guiltie of their owne destruction, by helping to subdue and destroy the Parliament (the onely meanes, under God, to preserve their Religion, Law, and Liberties) And to perswade the Kingdome that his Majestie, by the assistance of Bapists, and persons Popishly

Popishly affected, will maintain the Protestant Religion; that by the helpe of men Out-lawed, and of desperate fortunes, will maintaine the Lawes of the Land; And, with fugitives from Parliament, and Traytors and Delinquents to the Parliament, will preserve the Priviledges thereof; an attempt so desperate, and so transcendently wicked, That the Lords and Commons doe unanimously publish and declare, That all they who have advised, contrived, abetted, or countenanced, or hereafter shall abet and countenance the said Proclamation, to be Traitors, and enemies to God, the King, and Kingdom, and to be guilty of the highest degree of Treason that can be committed against the King and Kingdome, And that they will, by the assistance of Almighty God, and of all honest English Protestants, and lovers of their Countrey, doe their best endeavours (even to the utmost hazard of their Lives and Fortunes) to bring all such unparallel'd Traitors to a speedy and exemplary punishment.

And whereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament did formerly choose the Earle of *Essex* to be Captaine Generall of such Forces as are, or shall be, raised for the maintenance and preservation of the true Protestant Reli-

gion, the Kings Person, the Lawes of the Land, the Peace of the Kingdome, the Liberty and Property of the Subject, and the Rights, and Priviledges of Parliament.

The said Lords and Common, doe now Declare, That they will maintaine and assist him, and adhere unto him the said Earle with their lives and estates, in the same Cause, as in Conscience and Duty to GOD; the King and their Country they are bound to do.

And lastly, The Lords and Commons doe further Declare, That notwithstanding those wicked Councillors which enclined his Majestie to make warre against our brethren of *Scotland*, and by Prayers and Proclamations read in Churches, to pronounce them Rebels and Traitors: That with-held his Majestie from setting forth any Proclamation against those bloody Rebels in *Ireland* till *January* last, although the Rebellion brake forth the 23. of *October* before, and notwithstanding the importunity of both Houses of Parliament, that a Declaration might issue to that purpose; have now advised and prevailed with His Majestie by this Proclamation, to invite His Subjects to destroy his Parliament, and good people, by a civill Warre, and by that meanes to bring ruine, confusion, and perpetuall

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tuall slavery upon the furviving part of a then wretched Kingdome : Yet the Lords and Commons to witnesse their constant, and unshaken loyaltie and affection to his Majestie, doe solemnly declare, That if his Majestie shall immediatly disband all his Forces, and be pleased to abandon those wicked Councillors, and leave them to condigne punishment, and returne and hearken to the wholesome advice of his great Councell, they will really endeavour to make both his Majestie, and his posteritie as great, rich, and potent, as much beloved at home, and feared abroad, as any Prince that ever swayed this Scepter, which is their firme and constant Resolution.

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